



NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

NTUA's **TOADLENA** Public Water System has Levels of Arsenic Exceeding Federal Drinking Water Standards

The subject public water system has recently and continues to exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Arsenic. As an NTUA water customer, you have the right to know what happened, what you should do, and what NTUA is doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We received notice that the sample collected in May 2021, showed that our system exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The MCL for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L. The average level of arsenic over the year has been 0.018 mg/L.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do **not** need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specified health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

NTUA continues to monitor Arsenic levels at all operating wells on a quarterly basis. NTUA has developed a NNEPA approved compliance plan to bring the affected water supply back into compliance with the Federal Drinking Water Standards. NTUA is working diligently toward the implementation of their compliance plan. NTUA expects to complete their compliance plan by December 31, 2022.

For more detailed information you may contact the NTUA Deputy General Manager's Office at (928) 729-6275 or at P.O. Box 170, Fort Defiance, AZ 86504.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the NTUA.
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